GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public services – Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department – Prakasam District - Allegations of irregularities committed in the work "O&M of CPWS Scheme to Talluru and other habitations in Talluru Mandal of Prakasam district" – Departmental Proceedings against Sri B.Ranga Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Dhone of Prakasam District and now retired from service under the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charge – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 208 **Dated: 26-03-2025**

Read the following:-

1. Letter No.Vig(III)/RWS&S/O&M/Talluru/2024, dated 26.02.2024 & 15.03.2024 of ENC, RWS&S.
2. Govt. Memo No.2391621/Vig.VI/2024, dt.27.03.2024.
3. Letter from the ENC, RWS&S Letter No.Vig(III)/RWS&S/O&M/ Talluru/2024, Dated 19.04.2024.
4. G.O.MS.No.28, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt.21/03/2025.

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Order:-

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri B.Ranga Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Dhone of Prakasam District and now retired from service in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of articles of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri B.Ranga Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Dhone of Prakasam District and now retired from service is directed to submit written statement of his defense within 10 days from the date of the receipt of this G.O.

4. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri B.Ranga Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Dhone of Prakasam District and now retired from service is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para (3) above or does not appear in person before the Inquiring Authority or otherwise fails or

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refuses to comply with the provisions of Rules 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte, based on the material available on record.

6. Attention of Sri B.Ranga Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Dhone of Prakasam District and now retired from service is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from any person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri B.Ranga Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Dhone of Prakasam District and now retired from service is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the G.O. shall be acknowledged along with Annexures-I, II, III & IV.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri B.Ranga Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Dhone of Prakasam District and now retired from service (w.e) through the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the orders on the Charged Officer with dated acknowledgement and send the same to the Government for record)

Copy to
The General Administration (V&E) Department, Vijayawada.
The OSD to Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister (PR&RD, RWS and EFS&T).
The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Est.II) Department.
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ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI B.RANGA RAO, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT, DHONE OF PRAKASAM DISTRICT AND NOW RETIRED FROM SERVICE

Charge - I:-

That Sri B.Ranga Rao Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department of Prakasam district has committed irregularities in preparation of O&M estimate of the work "CPWS Scheme to Tallur and other Habitations in Prakasam District for the year 2023-24 and thereby caused the financial loss to the Government Exchequer.

Charge – II

That Sri B.Ranga Rao Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department of Prakasam district has failed to maintain the O&M Registers and 4 MLD Micro Filters, panel boards, gas chlorination system at Head Works which results heavy water leakage from one side of the Micro filter and recommended for payment to the Contractor. There by loss occurred to the Government exchequer.

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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF THE IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF EACH ARTCLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI B.RANGA RAO, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT, DHONE OF PRAKASAM DISTRICT AND NOW RETIRED FROM SERVICE

The Chief Engineer, QA & QC has reported that, the O&M estimate for the above said work "CPWS Scheme to Talluru and other habitations in Talluru Mandal of Prakasam district" work was administratively sanctioned vide Procgs. R.C. No. P3/66/2023 dated 07.02.2023 of the Chief Executive Officer, ZPP, Ongole with an estimated cost of Rs 76.00 lakhs and the work was technically sanctioned vide CR.No. /2022-23 dt: 06.03.2023 of the Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, Ongole.

Further the Chief Engineer, QA & QC, reported that Sri B.Ranga Rao Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department of Prakasam district has prepared the O&M estimate of the work "CPWS Scheme to Tallur and other Habitations in Prakasam District for the year 2023-24 without taking into consideration of the fact that Raw water RCC intake well of size 4.50m dia is common for other 3 CPWS Schemes viz.., 1) CPWS Scheme of Kanigiri Phase-I & Phase-II 2) CPWS Scheme of Kondepi Phase-I 3) CPWS Scheme to K.V.Palem and other habitations in Cheemakurthy Mandal and he has approved 9 pump operators 6 watch-men in the estimate. Actually, 2 pump operators and 2 watchmen would be sufficient.

From this it is evident that Sri B.Ranga Rao Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department of Prakasam district has shown lack of integrity and devotion towards the duties.

Hence the Charge-I.

The Chief Engineer, QA & QC, has reported that Sri B.Ranga Rao Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department of Prakasam district has not monitored the O&M registers Like the details of O&M staff engaged , log books for recording of pumping hours of raw water and clear water pump sets and water quality parameters etc., for which it was required to make payments to the contractor. As seen from the photographs it is evident that, the Deputy Executive Engineer, has also not inspected the scheme since two years due to which the untidy and unhygienic premises & water leakage from one side of the cylinder of 4 MLD Micro Filters where the area is with full of Jungle and supplying untreated water to public thereby playing with the health of public.He has also failed to provide the capacitors at pumping stations for which it results higher energy cost due to non-maintenance of panel board and defunct gas chlorination system at Head Works was observed at site. Sri B.Ranga Rao Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department of Prakasam district has failed to review the O&M aspects of scheme since long time. The Said Deputy Executive Engineer, has recommended for payment for the O&M bills to the O&M Contractor without verifying the Water Quantity and quality there by loss caused to Government Exchequer.

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From this it is evident that the Deputy Executive Engineer, has shown gross negligence, lack of devotion and failed to show his integrity towards his duties. There by violating Rule (3) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Hence the Charge-II.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF THE DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI B.RANGA RAO, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT, DHONE OF PRAKASAM DISTRICT AND NOW RETIRED FROM SERVICE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

1. From the ENC, RWS&S Letter No. Vig(III)/RWS&S/O&M/ Talluru/2024, Dated 26.02.2024 & 15.03.2024.
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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES ARE FRAMED AGAINST SRI B.RANGA RAO, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT, DHONE OF PRAKASAM DISTRICT AND NOW RETIRED FROM SERVICE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

-NIL-

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